

My freshman year at W&L began tragically. Kristen Shelton and Adam Burchett were killed in a car accident in early October. Kristen was a classmate of mine, and although we did not know one another well, her death had a huge impact on me. She had been a member of the volleyball team, and as a show of support, groups of students organized to attend the team's next home game in large numbers. I don't think anyone was prepared for the turnout. Almost 2,000 people attended that volleyball game, which was more than the undergraduate student body at the time. Our cheers were deafening, and our layers had tears streaming down their faces on the court. I remember looking around the gym that day and feeling a part of something so unique and so much larger than myself. I have never been more proud to be a student at Washington and Lee, a place where loyalty and community are truly a way of life."

-Elizabeth Loyd

Who knew the gym could look like a Convention hall? One day I go in for a basketball game, the next day Warner Center is a Democratic convention. Watching the usually "conservative" student body of W&L hold signs for Kerry, Edwards, and how can you forget the Ohio delegation's support for McCain. Hoosier your daddy? DelaWHO, DelaWHAT, Delaware! and a visit from a Bill Clinton look alike are just a few contributions that made Roll Call one of the most popular parts of Mock Convention. It truly met the expectations of one of the greatest events of my four years here."

-Jacquelyn Clark

I will miss Hillel's First Friday at Five Shabbat services once I leave W&L. These services are enriching on more than a religious level. They are simply an excellent way to relax and rejuvenate after a long, stressful week. They help me take a step back from my busy life and see it with a reflective eye. The beautiful music, accompanied by guitar, is fun, yet calming. The sense of community is strong. These services are a testament to the growing vibrancy of Jewish life at W&L."

-Seth Martin

"Before I even became a student at W&L I learned it was a special place. When visiting during the summer before my senior year of high school, my family rolled into MicroLex late and only the Palms was still open for dinner. We crammed into the three-sided booth behind the bar and enjoyed my first of many baskets of Palms popcorn.

Soon enough, after learning our waiter was a W&L student staying in Lex Vegas for the summer, my mother (as mothers are apt to do) asked him the big question, "Do W&L students drink as much as the guide books say they do?"

Our waiter, thank heaven, had an answer ready. "Oh sure," he said, "We drink tons, but we usually have to get dressed up and have cocktail parties." Mom wasn't happy, but I sure was—and I've enjoyed every Fancy Dress, fraternity formal, pledge formal, Christmas Weekend, Alumni Weekend, Homecoming, Mock Con, Foxfield and sorority formal since."

-Brett Kirwan

outstanding dinners; for your love and support; and certainly for your invaluable advice and wisdom (here's to you, Big U and Doc). To lax; from shaved heads like Bozo (and one 80's punk) to the unexpected river jump; from "Get yo' time!" and "Stab and kick!" to "Organize your trash!"; from the wristwatch, Rolex, and birdfeeder to DMX, Air Force One, and 50; from ODAC Champs and the Semis to those damn OT losses; to my teammates and coaches, I will sorely miss the time spent with you, on and off the field.

To the Skull Lodge: apologies for the holes, the banister railings, Shaner's door, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor late-night, the basement hot tubs, and Destructo... thank you for not falling down (and thank you Ann for dealing with us); to Bootsy, Pam, and Paul, I'll miss you and your singing...it brightened my days.

To Leyburn: I've given you enough

Thank you, W&L, for these and all the many other friendships and memories."

## Senior Memoir The Graduating Class of 2004

"I will always be grateful for W and L for aspects which U.S. News and World Report rankings and Princeton Review surveys cannot measure. Moreover, I am thankful for the opportunities which Washington and Lee has afforded me to accomplish positive change among the University and Lexington communities in the past four years. In conjunction with this aspect of Washington and Lee, our student body's intimate size compels students to embrace an active social conscience. I know that the Class of 2004 may be proud that Washington and Lee fosters a commitment to leadership and a sense of community awareness."

-Adam Allogramento

"Easily one of the things I will remember most of my time at Washington and Lee is the game of Beirut. We all had our own names, our own rules, are own unique nuances, but the game is clearly W&L. As the last class to experience W&L before the fascist alcohol policy was handed down, it should hold a dear spot on all our hearts. The game has an almost zen quality to it. The ball, the cup, the player all in synch for one brief moment of perfection when the throw goes in, it is beautiful in its simplicity. Some of the most long lasting, surprising and bizarre relationships have appeared from this game. Everyone has their own remarkable Beirut story. Whether it was a

night where you couldn't miss, a shot where you hit three cups at once (the holy trinity), hit the last cup when you could barely stand up anymore, or played with their parents to the point where Dad almost fell over, Beirut is a game that has touched us all."

-Brooks Batcheller

The things I would have missed out on if I never came to W&L:

- \* the entire concept of date functions \* the experience that is 4<sup>th</sup> floor Graham-Lees (twice!) \* Dinner at professors' houses (even when you're no longer in their class) \* frat basements \* sunsets over the mountains by Liberty Hall fields \* ODAC championships at Liberty Hall fields \* dressing up for football games \* houses with names \* cover bands \* Goshen/tubing/walking the river \* chair standing in Gaines \* snowball fights on the Colonnade \* Mock Con Parade \* walking to Kroger in a snowstorm \* Reading Days \* DHall \* late night lucky charms \* Domino's at 3 am (which doesn't end when you move out of the dorms) \* friends that have become a family ☺

-Joanna Perini

performance as Paddington Bear in elementary school but I ended up taking Professor Radulescu's spring term theater class my sophomore year where we put on a 2 hour production in French. As the only guy in the class, Professor Radulescu thought it would be funny to dress me up as a woman in one of the short plays, with a wig, dress, breasts, the whole deal. It was definitely embarrassing but I let pride go out the window that semester and I had a really fun and exciting experience working with a great group of people!

And more recently, my senior piano recital was an incredible experience. The support I received that evening from my family, friends, and professors here at W&L was overwhelming. It was so rewarding for me to be able to share a passion of mine with my extended family here at W&L and to have received such a warm response in return. Thanks so much again to everyone that came and made it such an awesome evening!"

-Austin Kim

"Without a doubt one of my fondest memories was seeing nearly 3,000 people in the Warner Center on a Saturday morning to listen to James Carville address the 2004 Mock Convention. It was a culmination of years of work as well as so many hours by so many people. It was one of those rare moments of complete satisfaction and knowing how truly special of a place W&L is. That is just one of many, but I won't bore you."

-Michael Denbow

"As my time here at W&L is almost over, I'd like to look back and thank all those fine people and things that have made my experience here so unforgettable:

To my boys: We've had some times haven't we? From Fire and Ice to Triathlons (Miller, you're the man); from late night Lebow to early morning mud-drenching at CDubbs (sorry Shaner); from Magnum to the man-jin@; I can't even begin to recount all the stories we've made over the last 4 years. You are what have made my experience here worthwhile and I look forward to continued domination in the future. And remember, "If you want to get laid, come with Williams."

To our parents: Thank you for giving us the opportunity to spend 4 great years here; for making Parent's Weekend one of the most anticipated and memorable times of the year; for the many

-Jimmy Zunka

**Generals' Christian Fellowship**



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**Women's fellowship**  
 Emily Averitt  
**Sunday night coordinator**  
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**Worship Coordinator**  
 Rachael Mallis

**Pictured:**  
**Habitat for Humanity service project on Nabors Fall Service Day.**



**Habitat for Humanity**  
**Pres.** Natalie Deibel.  
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**Pictured:**

Back L-R: Carly Cowley, Rachael Levine, Joel Katz, Jon Philipson, Leah Greenberg, Matt Fink  
 Front L-R: Seth Martin, [redacted] Matt Bart, Todd Martin



**Hillel**  
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